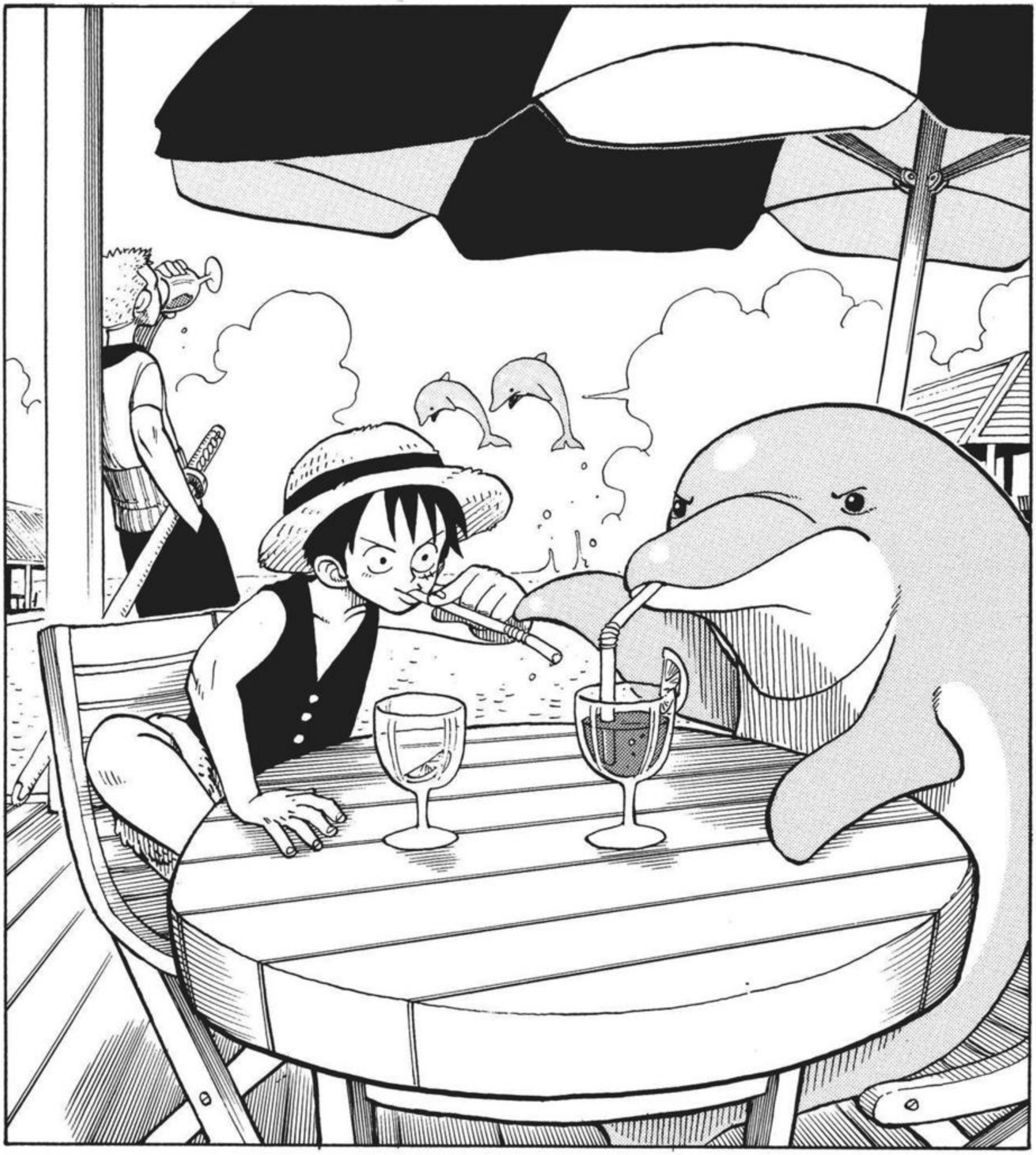
CHAPTER 5:
THE KING OF THE PIRATES AND THE MASTER SWORDSMAN



RRK!!

OKAY, TELL ME!

S-STOP DRAGGING ME AND I'LL TELL YOU!

BUMP

TELL ME! WHERE ARE ZOLO'S SWORDS!?

BUMP

OUCH! YOU HIT ME AGAIN!

YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME! YOU'RE WASTING TIME!

KA-

WHAP!

WE PASSED IT A LONG WAY BACK.

HFF

THEY'RE IN MY ROOM!

HFF

I DON'T WANT TO.

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KLIK

DROP THE CAPTAIN'S SON OR WE'LL SHOOT!

READ THIS WAY

HE'S USING HELMEPPO AS A SHIELD!!

DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT!

KLOMP KLOMP KLOMP

AAAAH!

OKAY! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT!

AMP

HUH?

WAAAH!

WAAAH!

BLOOD! I'M BLEEDING!! AAAH!!

WB-DUB WB-DUB

I'VE BEEN SHOT! AAAAH!

AAAAH!

AAAH!

READ THIS WAY

GOOD! YOU'RE ALIVE!

...

PHEW

I'M GONNA DIE!!!

BUT... HFF HFF... I HAVEN'T UNTIED YOU...

HFF

HFF

HFF HFF...

THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY DOWN.

NOW GET OUTTA HERE!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THAT IDIOT PROM-ISED ME! IF I SURVIVE HERE FOR A MONTH, I'LL BE SET FREE!!

YOU'RE GOING TO BE EXECUTED THREE DAYS FROM NOW!!

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO!

SO JUST BEAT IT--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I JUST HAVE TO SURVIVE THE MONTH AND THEY'LL LET ME GO.

HAH!

WHAM

HE NEVER INTENDED TO KEEP THAT PROMISE!

HFF

HFF

BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT HELMEPPO LIED TO YOU!!

THAT'S WHY LUFFY PUNCHED HELMEPPO!

PLEASE! IF I UNTIE YOU, WILL YOU HELP LUFFY!?

HFF

HFF

THE NAVY IS YOUR ENEMY NOW!!

WHAT!?

...!

...YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM HERE! PLEASE, HELP HIM!

LUFFY'S REALLY STRONG AND SO ARE YOU! IF YOU TEAM UP...

HE SAVED MY LIFE! I WON'T ASK YOU TO BECOME A PIRATE, BUT...

...

CAPTAIN MORGAN HAS ORDERED YOUR IMMEDIATE EXECUTION!!!

SWIP

!!?

MARINE

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

THE SWORDS!

HEY!

SLAM

THIS MUST BE THE ROOM!

READ THIS WAY

HUH? HE FAINTED?

CHOKE

HMM?

WHICH ONES ARE ZOLO'S?

BUT THERE ARE THREE SWORDS!?

KOBY!

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WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!?

YOU'RE TRYING TO OVERTHROW ME!!

AHA!!

YOU THREE AREN'T SIMPLE OUTLAWS, ARE YOU!?

SURROUND THE FORTRESS!! IF THAT RASCAL IN THE STRAW HAT ESCAPES, YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY!!!!

YOU MAY BE A BARRACUDA...

BUT I'M A *GREAT WHITE SHARK!*

RORONOA ZOLO! PEASANTS AND PIRATES MAY TREMBLE AT YOUR NAME... BUT YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THE GREAT ONE!

CHAK!!

TAKE AIM!

THERE'S SOME-THING I HAVE TO DO...

I CAN'T DIE YET!

I-I... ...

MARINE

ZOLO IS 0 FOR 2000 AGAINST KUINA!

OH WELL...

"TWO-SWORD ZOLO" LOSES!!

KUINA WINS AGAIN!!

UGH!

YAAH!

I MADE A PROMISE!

WAP!!

HE'S EVEN STRONGER THAN THE GROWN-UPS!

YEAH! HE'S THE STRONGEST IN OUR DOJO!

HEY! ZOLO'S NOT WEAK!

KIND OF WEAK FOR A BOY, AREN'T YOU?

PATHETIC...

SHE THINKS SHE'S SO GREAT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE SENSEI'S DAUGHTER!

KUINA MAKES ME SO MAD!

SHE'S KINDA CUTE, THOUGH...

DARN!

EVEN IF HE CAN USE TWO SWORDS, HE'S STILL WEAK!

LOSERS SHOULD LEARN TO SUFFER DEFEAT IN SILENCE.

THAT SO? WELL, HE'S NOT AS STRONG AS ME!

OF COURSE NOT!

SENSEI! ARE YOU TEACHING HER SECRET TRICKS BECAUSE SHE'S YOUR DAUGHTER!?

GRRMBL

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IT'S NOT FAIR!

IT'S ODD BECAUSE YOU ARE ACTUALLY VERY STRONG.

SENSEI!

TA

LOST AGAIN, EH, ZOLO?

BUT I CAN BEAT GROWN-UPS!

DON'T FORGET THAT KUINA IS A LITTLE OLDER THAN YOU.

WHY CAN'T I BEAT THAT GIRL!?

KLATA

KLAK

DARN!

I CAN'T KEEP LOSING TO THAT GIRL!

I'M GOING TO SAIL THE SEAS AND BECOME THE GREATEST SWORD MASTER IN THE WORLD!

ZOLO...

HFF

HFF

HFF

KLAK

HYAAH!

HYAAH!

KLAK

KLAK

IT'S YOUR FUNERAL.

REAL SWORDS? OKAY...

YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF REAL SWORDS, ARE YOU?

KUINA! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL... WITH REAL SWORDS!!

I'M READY!

ON GUARD!

SKFF SKFF

CHING

CHING

YAAH!!

UWAHH!!

THAT MAKES 2001 TIMES I'VE BEATEN YOU!

SHIK!!!

CHING!

CHING!!

IT'S SO FRUST-RATING!

DARN!

PRETTY SOON YOU'LL ALL BE STRONGER THAN ME.

ZOLO, YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING...

WHEN GIRLS GET OLDER, THEY BECOME WEAKER THAN THE BOYS.

HUH?

I'M THE ONE WHO'S FRUS-TRATED...

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE A BOY, ZOLO...

I WANNA BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDSMAN TOO!!

DAD SAYS THAT GIRLS CAN'T BE MASTER SWORDSMEN...

...THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDS-MAN...

...

THAT'S NOT FAIR! BEATING YOU IS MY DREAM!

WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT! YOU BEAT ME!!

I WISH I WAS A BOY...

BUT I'M STARTING TO GET BREASTS...

I'M TRAINING ALL THE TIME TO BEAT YOU! YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD!

SOMEDAY I'LL BEAT YOU BECAUSE I WORKED HARD, NOT BECAUSE YOU GOT WEAKER!! IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING A BOY OR A GIRL!!

ZOLO ...

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WE'LL FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR THE TITLE!

LET'S MAKE A PROMISE TO EACH OTHER!

SOMEDAY, ONE OF US WILL BECOME THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN EVER!!

SWAK!

IT'S A PROMISE!

YOU'RE TOO PUNY!

SNIFF

YOU IDIOT!

SHE'S DEAD!!!

SHE FELL DOWN THE STAIRS...

ZOLO! THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT! IT'S KUINA!

...I SUPPOSE SO...

SENSEI! MAY I HAVE HER SWORD?

HUMANS ARE FRAGILE THINGS, ZOLO...

ZOLO! STOP IT!

YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM YOUR PROM-ISE!?

MAN! YOU MADE A PROMISE YESTERDAY!

I'M GOING TO BECOME SUCH A GREAT MASTER SWORDSMAN THAT MY NAME WILL BE KNOWN EVEN IN HEAVEN!!!!

I'LL HAVE TO KEEP THE PROMISE FOR BOTH OF US.

MARINE

I CAN'T DIE YET!!

I PROMISED HER!

KRAK

...ROCKET!!

GUM-GUM..

BALLOON

BWOING

FIRE!!!!

!!!

BAP BAP BAP BAP

BBEEN

UNGH!

STRAW HAT...

MARINE

LUFFY!!!

YOU!?

BULLETS CAN'T HURT ME!!

LOOK OUT!!!

HA HA HA HA HA!!!

UPZING WHOP

I'M THE GUY...

WHO'S GONNA BE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!

WINK

WHAT ARE YOU!?

GRG GRG

I PRACTICE SANTORYU-- THREE-SWORD STYLE.

THEY'RE ALL MINE.

I DIDN'T KNOW, SO I BROUGHT ALL THREE...

SO WHICH SWORDS ARE YOURS?

BUT I'M NOT READY TO DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT! ALL RIGHT!

YOU MUST BE DEMON SPAWN...

YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A PIRATE!!!

OF COURSE, YOU COULD OBEY THE LAW... AND LET THEM KILL YOU!

...

IF YOU FIGHT THE NAVY WITH ME HERE AND NOW, IN THE EYES OF THE GOVERNMENT, YOU'LL BE ONE OF THE BAD GUYS!

THE ROAD TO AXE-HAND MORGAN'S FIRST APPEARANCE

I created Helmeppo's character first, so my first thoughts when creating Captain Morgan were "He has to have a cleft chin and hair like Helmeppo's, only crazier—after all, he is the father."

This is what I came up with. Originally his name wasn't Morgan, it was "Chop." So his full title was "Naval Captain Chop" or "Sailor Chop." What a great name! But even I didn't have the nerve to use this name. [Editor's Note: "Sailor" in Japanese is *suihei*, and *Suihei Chop* is the name of a signature fighting technique used by the famous Japanese pro wrestler Giant Baba.]

I can't show them all here, but I actually made two or three more versions of Captain Morgan before I settled on the one used in the manga. I redesigned him to look cooler because a certain editor told me he looked lame. I couldn't argue with that, so I changed his look.